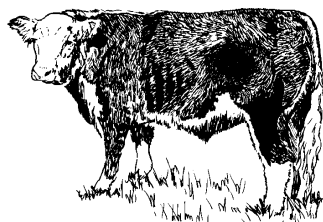


Livestock Review

The 2000 cattle and calf inventory totaled 235,000 head on 4,500 farms throughout the state of Maryland. Cattle inventory fell 4 percent from 1999, when there were 245,000 cattle and calves. This year the value per head increased from \$840 on January 1, 2000 to \$860 on January 1, 2001.



Prices for all cattle in Maryland increased from \$62.50 per hundred pounds to \$67.90 per hundred pounds. The death loss for cattle this year was 12,000 head, which remained unchanged from the 1999 total deaths. Cattlemen produced 84.0 million pounds of beef in 2000, down from 95.9 million pounds

in 1999. Gross income for cattlemen rose 9 percent to \$72.6 million.

The December 1, 2000 Maryland hog and pig inventory totaled 58,000, up 3,000 from 1999's inventory of 55,000. Breeding hog numbers increased from 6,000 in 1999 to 7,000 in 2000. The market hog population was 51,000, up from 49,000 in 1999. There were 8,000 farrowing sows, decreasing from 10,000 in 1999. Average litter size for sows was 8.13 this year, and was 8.20 last year. The 2000 pig crop consisted of 65,000 head, down from the 1999 crop of 82,000 head.

Market hogs sold for \$37.30 per hundred pounds in 2000, up 27 percent from last year's price of \$29.40. The number of hog farms in the state decreased from 550 in 1999 to 520.

Maryland Hog and Cattle Cash Receipts

Cash Receipts (in Millions of Dollars)

